2006 dated 31/1/2006 has held that file notings are not, as a matter of law, exempt from disclosure.

(b) and (c) After consideration of the various aspects of the issue, the Government is of the view that substantive file notings on certain aspects relating to social and developmental issues may be disclosed. Modalities in this regard, are being worked out and while doing so, the decision of the CIC will be kept in view.

Awareness of new information law

1064. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are undertaking a campaign to make the general public aware of the new information law;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. On the RTI Act, 2005 coming into force, nationwide publicity was mounted to sensitize the public.

(c) Does not arise.

Trusts and foundations by IAS officers

1065. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether IAS, IPS and other officers are given permission by Government to start trusts and foundations directly or indirectly;

(b) if so, the details of this policy;

(c) whether Government imposes any flexible conditions to help such officers who are so keen and helpful to the common man;

(d) to what extent Government have been lax in this matter; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to review the entire matter of encouraging and giving help to such officers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) The respective Conduct Rules of the All India Services and

the Central Civil Services envisage that it would be necessary for the officers to take previous sanction of the Government to engage in any trade or business; negotiate or undertake any employment; take part in the registration, promotion and management of registered companies, cooperative societies for commercial purposes or other non-governmental organizations which are aided by the Central Government/State Government or an international organization or agency.

However, previous sanction of the Government is not required in cases of taking part in the registration, promotion or management (not involving the holding or an elective office) of a literary, scientific or charitable society, or of a club, or similar organisation, the aims or objectives of which relate to promotion of sports, cultural, or recreation activities, registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 or in a Cooperative Society substantially for the benefit of the members of the Services registered under the Cooperative Societies Act, 1912 or any other law for the time being in force.

(c) to (e) Previous sanction is granted or refused on merits in the light of the rules/instructions. The officer's participation should not be detrimental to the discharge of official duties. The officer is required to discontinue taking part in such activities if so directed by the Government.

Curriculum at the LBS Academy

1066. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Committee has been appointed by Government to go into the need to change the curriculum at the Lal Bahadur Shastri Academy, Mussoorie so that future civil servants get knowledge on formation of NGOs and how to nurture them;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps being taken to ensure that the probationers given a choice to pursue either their official careers or NGOs; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI) (a) to (d) The Department of Personnel and Training has constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. R.V.V. Ayyar, IAS (Retd.) to